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## **Winter Surge 06' Ship Returns From Deployment**

NORFOLK, Va. – The amphibious dock-landing ship USS Oak Hill (LSD 51), the final ship of three that “surged” in support of the Global War on Terror (GWOT) will return to Little Creek Amphibious Base, Va. on **Wednesday, May 31**. USS Oak Hill worked with allies during their four-month deployment, to detect, disrupt, and deny international terrorist organizations the use of the maritime environment. The ship departed Little Creek on January 25. The guided-missile cruiser USS Vicksburg (CG 69) and the guided-missile destroyer USS Roosevelt (DDG 80) returned to their homeport in Mayport, Fla., last week.

During the four-month deployment, each of the GWOT surge ships participated in a number of bilateral and multinational theatre security engagements that directly supported GWOT through presence and by help strengthen enduring and emerging regional partnerships.

This surge is a demonstration of how scalable, responsive, and uniquely capable naval power can strengthen or effectiveness in key maritime areas of interest. The U.S. Navy continually positions its forces when and where required, and routinely operates and plans exercises that support global security and stability. Under the Fleet Response Plan a realignment of schedules made this deployment possible.

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**NOTE: Media partners wishing to cover the arrival of USS Oak Hill should contact Amphibious Base Little Creek Public Affairs at (757) 462-8425 no later than 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 30.**